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In the Abstract of the Specification

Please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the following, which is also provided on a dedicated separate sheet included with this amendment:

-- ABSTRACT

The utility and operation of portable hosts, such as PDAs and other portable computers, is enhanced by methods and devices employing a first-level removable module adapted to receive a second-level removable module with subscriber services information. The first-level removable module processes received messages and services based at least in part on the contents of the subscriber services module. --

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled).

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1 2. (new) A subscriber-specific communications device for use in conjunction with a portable  
2 host and a removable module, the portable host having a first slot and the removable  
3 module containing subscriber services information, the subscriber-specific  
4 communications device comprising:  
5 a removable expansion card having a second slot to receive the removable module,  
6 removable module interface circuitry to manage data transfers with the  
7 removable module, and communications circuitry adapted to have behavior based  
8 at least in part on the subscriber services information contained in the removable  
9 module; and  
10 wherein the first slot and the second slot are respectively a first-level slot and a second-  
11 level slot, the removable expansion card is a first-level module adapted to couple  
12 to the portable host via the first-level slot, the removable module is a second-  
13 level module adapted to couple to the first-level module via the second-level slot,  
14 and the data transfers include transferring information between the first-level  
15 module and the second-level module.

1 3. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the removable  
2 module is a removable memory and the removable module interface circuitry includes  
3 removable memory adapter circuitry.

1 4. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, further including I/O  
2 adapter circuitry.

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- 1 5. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry is adapted to couple to an antenna external to the removable expansion card.
- 1 6. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry is adapted to couple to a communications link external to the removable  
3 expansion card.
- 1 7. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry is adapted to couple to a communications subsystem external to the removable  
3 expansion card.
- 1 8. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry is coupled to a receiver.
- 1 9. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry includes a telephone interface.
- 1 10. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry includes an antenna interface.

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1 11. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry includes a network interface.

1 12. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 4, wherein the I/O adapter  
2 circuitry includes a serial interface.

1 13. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein messages are  
2 received and captured by a receiver.

1 14. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 13, wherein the captured  
2 messages are accessible via the portable host.

1 15. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 14, wherein:  
2 the messages include broadcast messages; and  
3 the captured messages include captured broadcast messages.

1 16. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 14, wherein the behavior of  
2 the communications circuitry includes filtering out a portion of the captured messages not  
3 applicable to a present status of a subscriber.

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1 17. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein services are  
2 received and captured by a receiver.

1 18. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 17, wherein the captured  
2 services are accessible via the portable host.

1 19. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 18, wherein:  
2 the services include broadcast services; and  
3 the captured services include captured broadcast services.

1 20. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 18, wherein the behavior of  
2 the communications circuitry includes filtering out a portion of the captured services not  
3 applicable to a present status of a subscriber.

1 21. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the subscriber  
2 services information is for an individual user.

1 22. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the contents of the  
2 removable module are used to identify the subscriber services currently associated with  
3 an individual.

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1 23. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the contents of the  
2 removable module are used to determine user access to subscriber services.

1 24. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the contents of the  
2 removable module are used to selectively enable at least some communications in  
3 accordance with subscriber status.

1 25. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein:  
2 the removable expansion card is a closed-case removable expansion card.

1 26. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein:  
2 the closed-case removable expansion card is compatible for use in slots adapted to at least  
3 one of the 16-bit PCMCIA card type and the 32-bit Card Bus card type.

1 27. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein:  
2 the removable expansion card is a CompactFlash card.

1 28. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the removable  
2 module is a MultiMediaCard card.

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1 29. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the removable  
2 expansion card further includes an expansion card frame and PCB.

1 30. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the portable host  
2 is a PDA.

1 31. (new) The subscriber-specific communications device of claim 2, wherein the portable host  
2 is a portable computer.